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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR AND FON MINISTER SECK REVIEW

U.S.-SENEGALESE RELATIONS

1. DURING RECENT CALL BY AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS  
SEVERAL SPECIFIC ISSUES WITH SENEGALESE FON MINISTER  
SECK, CONVERSATION TURNED TO GENERAL REVIEW OF US-  
SENEGALESE RELATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT 1976 HAD BEEN IMPORTANT  
YEAR IN HISTORY OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS-- MARKED BY  
CLOSER CONSULTATION IN DAKAR, WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND  
OTHER POINTS WHERE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS MEET.  
AMONG HIGHLIGHTS HAVE BEEN VISITS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER,  
GOVERNOR SCRANTON, AID DIRECTOR PARKER AND ASSISTANT  
SECRETARIES SCHAUFELER AND REINHARDT-- AS WELL AS SEVERAL  
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. HE SAID WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR  
GOS RECEPTION OF THESE INITIATIVES. ON USG SIDE  
WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL SENEGALESE MISSIONS, INCLUDING  
RECENTLY THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK AND  
WASHINGTON-- IN CONTEXT OF A SENE-GAMBIAN INITIATIVE.  
WE HAVE CONTINUED AND DEEPENED EXCHANGES WITH AMBASSADOR  
COULBARY IN WASHINGTON, MEDOUNE FALL IN NEW YORK AND  
OTHER SENEGALESE REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA, PARIS, ROME  
AND ELSEWHERE. WE BELIEVE THESE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN  
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING  
THEM WITH RENEWED VIGOR IN NEW YEAR.

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3. MINISTER AGREED THAT BILATERAL COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION HAD GREATLY INCREASED DURING 1976 AND PLEDGED HIS FULL COOPERATION FOR A CONTINUATION IN THE SAME SPIRIT. HE FELT THAT UNDER NEW PRESIDENT, US WOULD BUILD ON EXCELLENT INITIATIVES IT HAD TAKEN IN AFRICA WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LEADERSHIP. NO ONE COULD DENY THAT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS MUCH MORE PROMISING BECAUSE OF US EFFORTS. SECK SAID HE WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON AND THAT HE FOUND HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH SCHAUFELER, SEELYE, AND BOLEN OF STATE AND WITH SENIOR AID OFFICIALS MOST ENCOURAGING.

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